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SUBJ: THREE WEEKS AFTER THE RAID: WHERE DO WE STAND?
1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. SUMMARY: THREE WEEKS AFTER THE ISRAELI BOMBING RAID ON THE IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY WE HAVE RECEIVED ENOUGH SIGNALS FROM THE IRAQIS TO DISCERN THE PROBABLE EXTEND OF DAMAGE THE RAID MAY HAVE ON OUR RELATIONS. B-1 ED

3. THE CALL BY THE ARAB PARLIAMENTARIANS IN BAGDAD FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST THE U.S. WAS BALANCED THE FOLLOWING DAY BY SADDAM HUSSEIN'S FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT WHICH CONTAINED ONLY ONE INDIRECT REFERENCE TO THE U.S. ALSO MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT WITH A U.S. COMPANY WAS SIGNED AFTER BEING REFERRED TO THE PRESIDENT FOR FINAL APPROVAL. HOWEVER, WE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT IRAQ WILL JUDGE THE SINCERITY OF THE U.S. VOTE BY OUR

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REACTION TO ISRAELI DEFIANCE OF THE TERMS OF THE UNSC RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

4. THE ARAB PARLIAMENTARIAN FEDERATION MET HERE LAST WEEK. CO-CHAIRED BY NA'EEM HADDAD, SPEAKER OF THE IRAQI NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE FEDERATION CALLED FOR WIDESPREAD SANCTIONS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE FEDERATION INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, "FACING THE AMERICAN TOTAL BIASNESS TO THE ZIONISTS ENEMY... AND IMPOSING SEVERE SANCTIONS ON THE UNITED STATES BY DEPRIVING IT OF ARAB OIL, WITHDRAWING ARAB DEPOSITS FROM ITS BANKS, ELIMINATING ITS INFLUENCE, AND OTHER INTERESTS IN THE ARAB REGION AND REFUSING TO RECEIVE ITS ENVOYS AND DELEGATIONS". ANOTHER PROVISION ASKED "ALL ARAB COUNTRIES TO BOYCOTT ALL COUNTRIES THAT SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH WEAPONS. THE BOYCOTT SHOULD COVER POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL FIELDS, AND CANCEL ALL COMMITMENTS AND EXCLUDE THESE COUNTRIES' CITIZENS AND COMPANIES'

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FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY NEW TENDERS IN ARAB COUNTRIES".

5. FEW OBSERVERS, WESTERN OR ARAB, ARE TAKING THE RESOLUTIONS SERIOUSLY, HOWEVER. ONE ARAB DIPLOMAT WHOSE COUNTRY PARTICIPATED INTHE FEDERATION'S MEETING DISCOUNTED THE RESOLUTIONS BY DESCRIBING THEM AS RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY. HE SAID THE INTENT IS "TO PUT THE UNITED STATES ON NOTICE" SHOULD ISRAEL IGNORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND SHOULD THE UNITED STATES NOT PUSH THE ISRAELIS TO ABIDE BY IT. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN, HE SAID, IS THE PROVISION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS UPON ISRAEL TO OPEN ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES TO IAEA INSPECTION AND TO RATIFY THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

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6. SADDAM HUSSEIN'S SPEECH TO THE CABINET ON JUNE 23 CONTAINED ONLY ONE REFERENCE TO THE U.S., AN EXPRESSION OF REGRET THAT AMERICAN MILITARY SUPPORT GAVE ISRAEL THE TOOLS FOR THE RAID. THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS WERE PRIMARILY A RESPONSE TO ISRAELI CHARGES THAT IRAQ HAD BEEN PREPARING NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO BE USED AGAINST ISRAEL.

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8. COMMENT: THE CONSENSUS AROUND TOWN FROM EAST EUROPEAN AND ARAB AS WELL AS WESTERN DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES IS THAT WE HAVE WEATHERED THE STORM WELL. HOWEVER, THE SCENARIO HAS NOT YET PLAYED ITSELF OUT. HAVING BLOCKED WHAT THE IRAQIS, AND THE OTHER ARABS, SEE AS JUSTIFIED SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL, THEIR ATTENTION WILL FOCUS ON OUR WILLINGNESS TO BRING ISRAEL INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WE NEGOTIATED. THE IRAQIS ARE REALISTIC ENOUGH NOT TO EXPECT ISRAELI REPARATIONS. WHAT THEY WILL WATCH IS WHETHER THE U.S. WILL EXERT SIGNIFICANT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO PLACE ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES UNDER INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION AS CALLED FOR IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.
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